

## DIG LEAGUERS OFF FOR TRAINING CAMPS

Almost Two Months Will Be  
Devoted to Developing  
Young Players.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—All trails are leading to the southland training camps these days, and it will not be long before the crash of the bat against the whistling horsehide will resound throughout the land; not long before America once again becomes affiliated with its summer ailment—baseballitis. Of course, snowflakes still fit hither and thither in certain portions of this country. And springtime isn't so closely upon us that we're warranted in rushing right off to the neighboring parsonages with our overcoats. But to quote Shakespeare, Mr. Browning, O. Henry or whoever it was that said it, "the backbone of winter has been busted." And when a backbone is busted the owner of the backbone usually doesn't linger very long.

Already the vanguard of the big league pitchers are encamped in Hot Springs and other purifying sections of the U. S. A. The other hurriers will join them in a few days, and in about two weeks or so practically all the regular and recruit major leaguers will be far south of the Mason and Dixon line, shirking because of the agony that comes during the first few days in training camps from strained tendons, blistered hands, aching muscles and the cookery that one meets—and must embrace—in the small town southern hotels.

Almost two solid months still must be snatched from the calendar before the regular season opens—two months before "play ball" echoes and reverberates through the now silent baseball stadiums. But in the interim one can feast on training camp news, which, in a way, satiates even the most ravenous appetite of the baseball hungry multitude.

Most of the big league teams go south this year with a greater galaxy of recruits than ever before. Many of the rookies have been procured by their minor league owners as second Ty Cobbs, second Honus Wagner, etc. There's nothing new in such a method of advertising; it's an old, old story. But somehow the big league magnates this year are really expecting something from their recruit crop—really expecting to harvest a few stars, a few real ball players that can take their places among the regulars and stand the gaff.

The St. Louis Browns have on their roster just now the largest collection of rookies in captivity. Something like thirty young athletes gathered from the bushes. The majority of them came into the Browns' net labeled as wonders. Branch Rickey, the Brown manager, frankly admits he has a job mapped out for him in the culling of these recruits.

"From all I hear of these youngsters," declared Rickey, "they have sufficient caliber to crowd out every one of my regulars. Wouldn't that be great if it were true? But I'm not looking for any fortune like that; I'll be perfectly satisfied if even five of that army of kids show up well enough to keep."

Here are the different training camps of the big leaguers:

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

New York—Marlin, Tex.

Philadelphia—Wilmington, N. C.

Chicago—Tampa, Fla.

Pittsburgh—Dawson Springs or West Baden.

Boston—Macon, Ga.

St. Louis—St. Augustine, Fla.

Cincinnati—Mobile, Ala.

Brooklyn—Augusta, Ga.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Philadelphia—Jacksonville, Fla.

Cleveland—New Orleans.

Boston—Hot Springs, Ark.

St. Louis—St. Petersburg, Fla.

Washington—Charlottesville, Va.

Chicago—Palo Alto, Cal.

New York—Houston, Tex.

Detroit—Gulfport, Miss.

WEEK OF ACTIVITY  
AHEAD FOR Y. M. C. A.

Another week of athletic activity is scheduled for the Y. M. C. A. The programme for the week follows:

MONDAY.

4 p. m.—Sunday School league, division "B".

5:15 p. m.—Business men's class and volleyball games, Tigers vs. Elisons.

6:30 p. m.—Father and son banquet.

7:15 p. m.—Business junior gymnasium class and athletic.

7:30 p. m.—Band practice.

8:15 p. m.—Senior athletic night, record breaking.

TUESDAY.

4:15 p. m.—Student junior gymnasium class.

5:30 p. m.—Bible class supper.

7:10 p. m.—Bible classes.

7:15 p. m.—Intermediate gymnasium classes.

8:15 p. m.—Affiliated church basketball games, Burlington Baptist vs. Phillips Congregational and First Presbyterian vs. Immanuel Baptist.

WEDNESDAY.

4:15 p. m.—Prep gymnasium class.

5:15 p. m.—Business men's gymnasium class and volleyball games, Bears vs. Tigers.

7:15 p. m.—Basketball, Business Junior vs. Student Junior.

THURSDAY.

4:15 p. m.—Sunday School Basketball league, division "A". First Presbyterian vs. All Stars and Third Presbyterian vs. St. Mark's.

7:15 p. m.—Intermediate gymnasium class.

8:15 p. m.—Senior gymnasium class.

FRIDAY.

5:15 p. m.—Business men's class and volleyball games, Lions vs. Elisons.

SATURDAY.

9:15 p. m.—Prep gymnasium class.

10:15 p. m.—Student junior class and group athletic, eight-potato race.

OLD FOX SATISFIED  
WITH HIS PROSPECTS

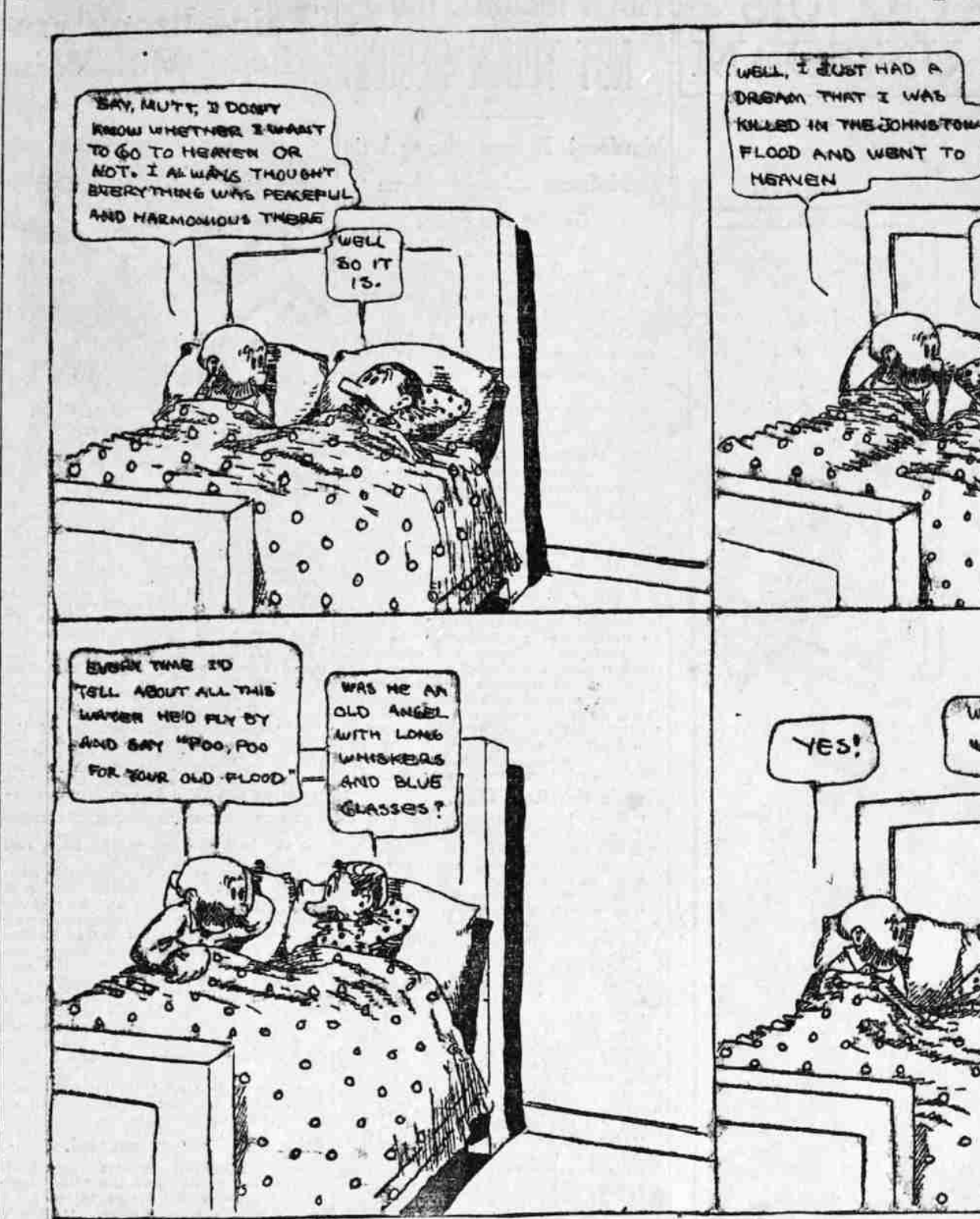
In discussing his prospects for the coming season, Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington club, recently remarked: "I fully expect to lead one of the strongest clubs in the American league into the fight next season. I am convinced that I will have just as much strength as I had last year, plus the seasoning that some of my players received."

"The only player who has not signed his contract is 'Bob' Groom, and I expect him to fall in line within the next few days, and I do not believe he has signed with the Federals."

When questioned as to whether he expects to make any trades or purchases Griffith replied: "I do not. I will probably stand pat on what I have. I am satisfied."

"I don't put a great deal of faith in this Federal league. I have some idea about how much money it will take thoroughly to establish a league of that kind, and I really don't think they have the coin."

## Jeff Has His Troubles Even While He Sleeps



WELL, I JUST HAD A DREAM THAT I WAS KILLED IN THE JOHNSTOWN FLOOD AND WENT TO HEAVEN.

WELL, WHAT ABOUT IT?

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